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## **AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 1, 1999. Accordingly, this response is due January 3, 2000 (January 1, 2000 is a Saturday), with a one month extension of time, by payment of the requisite fee of \$110.00 for a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

Please amend the subject application as follows.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows.

Page 15, line 10, change "affusion" to -brackish water--;

page 16, line 6, change "affusion" to -brackish water-;

page 17, line 18, change "affusion" to -brackish water-; and

page 20, line 8, change "affusion" to -brackish water-.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3 and 4 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter.

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as follows.

Claim 1 (Twice Amended). A permselective membrane module comprising i) two permselective membrane elements formed of hollow fibers arranged substantially in parallel and bundled together and ii) a container, the two elements being arranged in the container

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